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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 66th meeting, on 14 July 1995, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/49/SR.66).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION

3. At the 66th meeting, on 14 July 1995, the Chairman of the Committee introduced orally a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations", which was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/49/L.64.

4. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Portugal, with reference to operative paragraph 2, proposed that the credits resulting from the first stage of an increase of over 20 per cent of its contribution to peace-keeping operations should be deposited in a suspense account until a final decision was made, but no later than the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly.

5. The representative of Belarus also made a statement.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral draft resolution as proposed by the Chairman (see para. 7)

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and its subsequent resolutions relating to the composition of the existing groups, the latest of which is resolution 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993,

Having received the request of Belarus for reclassification from group B to group C,

1. Welcomes with great satisfaction the voluntary decision made by the Government of Portugal to reclassify Portugal from group C to group B;

2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to note the voluntary decision made by the Government of Portugal and to place Portugal among the Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 43/232 and, in accordance with that decision, to apportion its share of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions on the basis of the proportion determined by the scale of assessments in the following manner: 35 per cent beginning 1 July 1995, 50 per cent in 1996, 70 per cent in 1997, 85 per cent in 1998 and 100 per cent in 1999 and subsequent years;

3. Also decides to consider the request of Belarus for reclassification from group B to group C at its resumed forty-ninth session, and to take action not later than the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly.